

it ready for the Infantry to dig and consolidate. Another 2 platoons would be with or in advance of the third wave (perhaps back of the second wave) and stop at the new line of reserve points and lay them out and have them ready for the Infantry to dig.

In the manœuvres we went nearly to Vlamertinghe, to a point just north of the Vlamertinghe Chateau. This town is not only abandoned but it is pretty nearly knocked to pieces. The Germans shell it nearly every night. Ypres two miles further east is entirely knocked to pieces.

After the attack there was a critique led by Major-General Cameron, the Commanding Officer of the 49th British Division. This was held at Derby Farm, which has been shelled a good deal.

I was out in the open until 4 p.m. and enjoyed the day very, very much. I saw a new sight today and that was a Belgian Army "Dog Train." There were eight teams of dogs, two to a team, driven tandem. They were hauling rubber tire vehicles which were made to carry machine guns. These teams were driven by Belgian soldiers and in the rear were six extra dogs led by soldiers. We got back to camp about 4 p.m. and got some dinner which tasted mighty good. We had expected to go over to Houtkerque to hear a lecture by Lord Denbig on "America in the War." Headquarters had agreed to send an auto to take four of us over to the lecture, which was to begin at 6 p.m. The auto arrived at 7 p.m. It had gone to 1st Battalion Headquarters instead of Regimental Headquarters. As it turned out we did not miss much, as the lecture was on "The Causes of the War" and lasted two hours.

(Enclosure in diary)

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Herewith maps of N. W. Europe as requested—(1-2-5-15).

There are still lacking a few photos to make complete map of the W. Pop. Line, and these the Intelligence office informs me will be taken very shortly and a complete map made up for you.

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August 8, 1918, Thursday. Last night I had one of the best night's sleep I have had since reaching this camp. The Colonel and I went out again today to the manœuvres of the 120th Infantry